This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A device for adjusting the effective length of a sling ~~(Lw)~~ during transport of a load, said sling being ~~(L1, L2) of a stop means~~ designed as a continuous loop~~, in particular a textile band folded or woven into a circular loop or a continuous rope,~~ said device comprising:

~~with~~ a carrier part ~~(2)~~, ~~which exhibits~~ having projections ~~a projection (3, 4)~~ located at each of two opposed[[,]] spaced sides, ~~around which a segment (A11, A12) of the stop means can be slung,~~ each of said projections supporting a segment of said sling, said carrier part also having an opening through which a loop segment of the sling is guided.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the projections ~~(3, 4)~~ are hook-shaped.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the projections ~~(3, 4)~~ have bulges or recesses that guide the sling ~~stop means (A)~~.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the projections ~~(3, 4)~~ exhibit markings ~~(6, 7)~~ that denote a critical angle of the

segment ~~(A11, A12)~~ of the sling ~~stop means (A)~~ running away from the respective projection ~~(3, 4)~~.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein when said device is in operating position, the projections ~~(3, 4)~~ are essentially arranged in a shared horizontal plane. ~~in the operating position of the device (1)~~.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the carrier part ~~(2)~~ carries a deflection element ~~(10, 11)~~ in the area between the projections ~~(3, 4)~~ for deflecting an additional segment ~~(Av)~~ of the sling ~~stop means (A)~~.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 6, wherein the deflection element is attached to ~~5, characterized in that~~ the carrier part via a ~~the~~ force-absorbing surface ~~over which the deflection element (10, 11) is attached to the carrier part (2) is~~ located in a plane situated above the projections. ~~(3, 4)~~ in the operating position of the device ~~(1)~~.

Claims 8. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the deflection element ~~(10, 11)~~ and the projections ~~(V1, V2)~~ are arranged

symmetrically to ~~the~~ a middle axis ~~(M)~~ of the carrier part ~~(2)~~, wherein said middle axis of said carrier part ~~which~~ is vertically aligned when the device is in the operating position.

Claim 9. (Cancelled)

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 6 ~~1~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the deflection element ~~(10)~~ is pivoted in an opening of the carrier part ~~(2)~~.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 6 ~~1~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the deflection element ~~(11)~~ is designed as a hook rigidly connected with the carrier part ~~(2)~~.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein said device is fabricated as a single piece via forging.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ for lifting a load ~~(L1, L2)~~ with a ~~stop means (A)~~ sling, said sling being designed as a continuous loop~~, in particular a textile band folded or woven into a circular loop, or a continuous rope, which connects~~ connecting a lifting device ~~(H)~~ with the load ~~(L1, L2)~~, and with a device ~~(1)~~ for adjusting the effective length ~~(Lw)~~ of the ~~stop means (A)~~ sling, ~~which~~ said device comprising ~~has~~ a carrier part and ~~(2) that exhibits a projection (3, 4)~~ projections, located at each of two

opposed[[,]] spaced sides, ~~around which~~ each of said projections supporting a respective segment ~~(A11, A12)~~ of the ~~stop means (A)~~ sling which links ~~linking~~ the lifting device ~~(H) with a respective stop point (V1, V2; D1, D2) of the load (L1, L2) can be slung~~ to lifting points, said carrier part having an opening through which a loop segment of the sling is guided, by means of which the respective segments of the sling which link the load to the lifting device are coupled to the lifting device.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the carrier part bears a deflection element ~~(10, 11)~~ in the area between the projections ~~(3, 4)~~, which deflects ~~the~~ a segment ~~(Av)~~ of the ~~stop means (A)~~ sling over which the two respective segments of the ~~stop means (A)~~ sling linking the lifting device ~~(H)~~ with the load ~~(L1, L2)~~ are connected with each other on the side of the carrier part ~~(2)~~ allocated to the load ~~(L1, L2)~~.

Claim 15. (Cancelled)

Claim 16. (New) A device according to claim 1, wherein the sling is a textile band folded or woven into a circular loop or a continuous rope.

Claim 17. (New) A device according to claim 13, wherein the sling is a textile band folded or woven into a circular loop or a continuous rope.